

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

It is inappropriate that Diebold decide what specifications they will give us. We need to tell them the specification they need to deliver, or no contract.

In all cases, the paper trail needs to be one to a ballot, one for each voter, permanent ink record, and a recount friendly format. Anything less is a travesty.

It is appalling that we even consider voting methods that will not allow an efficient, easy, and effective, and accurate recount. We have seen all too well in other elections and other states what a fiasco inaccurate recount methods can mean for an election.

This is supposed to be the predominant democracy in the world. Let's act like it. And California, as the leading state that we are, needs to make sure that whatever voting method it uses (and paper ballots are just fine, thank you) it has a verifiable and easily recountable paper trail.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.